

# **Announcing the Annual Military Review General William E. DePuy Professional Military Writing Competition**

Annually, *Military Review*, *The Professional Journal of the U.S. Army*, sponsors the William E. DePuy Professional Military Writing Competition.

The basic purpose of this competition is to stimulate original research on topics of current concern to the U.S. Army by providing incentive and recognition to those desiring to contribute in a meaningful way to the body of professional military literature.

Anyone conducting serious research on issues of direct interest or relevance to the U.S. Army is eligible to submit papers for consideration.

The results of the competition are announced in May of each year to coincide with graduation of summertime enrollees in the Command and General Staff College.

The 2006/2006 competition is now open.

## **The basic entry requirements are as follows:**

- Submission of an unclassified, original research paper on any topic of relevance to the U.S. Army. Papers generally should not exceed 5,000 words, though well-developed papers of extraordinary merit that somewhat exceed this limit will be considered.
- Papers that have been previously published, or that are pending consideration elsewhere for publication, are not eligible.
- Papers that have been submitted to other competitions still pending announced decisions are also ineligible. (As an exception to this rule, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students may submit the same paper to both the DePuy and General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Competitions. Thus it is possible for a single paper to be recognized by both competitions.)
- General criteria to be used for evaluating the comparative merit of papers are attached for examination (see enclosure 1 below).

## **What do authors whose work is judged most publishable receive?**

- Authors of those papers identified as having most merit will be recognized as follows:
- Award of \$500 to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner / Certificate of Achievement / Publication as featured essay in *Military Review*

- Award of \$250 to the 2d and 3d place winners / Certificates of Achievement / Publication as featured essays in *Military Review*
- Honorable mention / Certificates of Achievement / Recognition as announced in *Military Review* / Priority consideration for publication in *Military Review*

## **How do you submit a paper?**

- Complete an enrollment form (see enclosure 2 below) and submit it together with the proposed manuscript via e-mail or in hard copy with a CD or 3 ½ inch floppy disk to *Military Review* by 1 April 2006.

## **How will the papers be judged and evaluated?**

- *Military Review* will establish a panel to evaluate the entries. The panel will be composed of members of the U.S. Army's Combined Arms Center staff and faculty, as well as invited readers having expertise in the areas papers examine. Evaluation criteria are noted at enclosure 2.

## **Questions?**

- LTC Art Bilodeau, Managing Editor, *Military Review*, is available to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at *Military Review*, Building 294, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 66027; by telephone (913) 684-9330 or DSN 552-9330; or via email at [Arthur.Bilodeau@leavenworth.army.mil](mailto:Arthur.Bilodeau@leavenworth.army.mil).

## **ENCLOSURE 1 (Criteria for Judging)**

### **DePuy Writing Competition Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation is unavoidably a subjective process. Our panelists will, however, use the questions below to help them evaluate essays more objectively.

- Is the essay cutting-edge, offering well-thought-out and well-researched alternate proposals, alternate viewpoints, or dissenting opinions about issues of contemporary importance to the Army?
- Does the essay contribute anything new to the literature of military affairs or security issues?
- Does the essay offer plausible solutions to a problem or issue?
- If the manuscript is a historical essay, do the issues associated with the historical events described and evaluated have any direct relevance to current events or the conditions of the current security environment?
- Does the author of the essay know what he (or she) is talking about? If the evaluator is familiar with the issue or issues being discussed in the essay, does the essay fairly represent the background facts and provide a credible examination of the issue?
- Does the essay show evidence of significant research using accepted academic standards, or does it rely significantly on spurious resources?
- Is the essay a product of original research?
- If the essay is not a product of original research, is it an effective synthesis of existing research, and has it yielded significant insight?
- Is research backed up by careful footnoting or endnotes?
- Is the essay well written? Does it move logically from a clear thesis through a well developed argument using supporting evidence to yield persuasive conclusions?
- Is the essay written in a straightforward manner or does it give the impression that it has been written to impress rather inform and persuade?
- Does the essay use excessive acronyms or too much jargon?

## ENCLOSURE 2 (Enrollment Form)

MEMORANDUM FOR Managing Editor, *Military Review*

SUBJECT: The 2005/2006 General William E. DePuy Professional Military Writing Competition.

1. Attached is my research paper submission for the 2005/2006 General William E. DePuy Professional Military Writing Competition.
2. The subject of my paper is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I affirm that the research paper is my original work. I further affirm that no part of it has been plagiarized from other sources; that all references to other work have been properly and fully attributed; that it has not been previously published; that it is not now being considered elsewhere for publication; and that it is not currently pending consideration as an entry in any other competition (with the authorized exception of the Command and General Staff College's MacArthur Leadership Competition, as provided for under competition rules.)
4. I understand that if my paper is selected as a winner, *Military Review* will have first right of publication without copyright restrictions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Organization \_\_\_\_\_